

John Stockton's Space

A Tale of Three Men Told By a Fourth Who Was There—A True Story of an Actual Occurrence in Words as They Were Spoken.



AT THE railroad station in a Florida town three men recently met and while waiting for the train they were all to board discussed politics in general and the Florida senatorial succession in particular.

They were all men of intelligence and all seemed really interested in the final outcome of the three-cornered fight for senatorial honors.

One of these men was a commercial traveler of the usual bright, jolly type; another was a well-to-do farmer, a worthy representative of that best and happiest vocation; the third was a merchant, who had ideas and ideals of politics as well as of business. "Who is going to be our next United States senator?"

The question was put by the drummer. The merchant looked at the farmer, but was first with the answer. Said the merchant:

Well, sir, I think it will be Bryan, though candidly, I believe it ought to be Stockton."

The farmer, still silent, the drummer said to the merchant:

"I agree with you that it ought to be Stockton, but I have about decided to try Blount this time. I have voted for John Stockton so long and so often, always losing my vote, that I have almost concluded there is no chance for him to be elected, and I don't care to forever be on the losing side."

The merchant was about to reply when the farmer spoke up:

"Gentlemen, pardon me, but I think you are both wrong."

"No apologies needed," said both the others; "we want your opinion; let us have it."

"Well, gentlemen," said the farmer, "I feel that I have never lost a vote in my life, although only twice have I seen my candidate for president elected. I have voted the Democratic ticket from principle, and therefore I do not consider my vote lost. I have voted for John Stockton every time because he stood for the true Democratic principle, and I expect to keep on voting for him until he is elected. I see no more reason to drop Stockton than to drop the Democratic party because of several defeats."

"By holding on and keeping up the Democratic party for many years we are now almost certain to elect a Democrat president in 1912, and by holding on and keeping on voting for Stockton for so long a time, I feel sure that we will land him in the United States Senate next January."

"Good for our farmer friend," said the drummer. "I must confess that there is logic in his argument."

"More truth than poetry," said the merchant.

After all were seated comfortably in the smoking compartment on the train the merchant addressed the drummer thus:

"Bill, we must all confess that what is needed in our United States senators are just the qualities that John Stockton is full of. His ability and energy are unquestioned, his strict integrity is admitted even by his political enemies."

"He has made politics a study, as no other man in Florida has. He is a man of affairs. He could soon be a millionaire if he worked only for himself. But he has been for a quarter of a century the friend and defender of the common people, and he would, without doubt, be a godsend to Florida and a credit to the nation, if he should become United States senator."

"I believe you are right," answered the drummer, "and while Blount and Bryan are both good men, I am sure that Florida's voters do not owe to either or both combined what they owe to their fearless, wise and honest friend, John Stockton."

"Now, let us all three say, here and now and wherever we go:

"Vote For John Stockton."

The three men agreed.

Not to let a good example fail of good result, it would be wise for all to join in the movement that is gathering momentum each day and adopt the slogan—

"Let's Put John Stockton in This Time."

WOMAN WAS FOUND DEAD IN BATHROOM

Sad Death of Mrs. Hartridge, of Jacksonville.

WAS PROMINENT SOCIALLY

Indications Are That the Lady Was Overcome By Gas as When Discovered She Was Lying Near Heater From Which Gas Was Escaping.

Mrs. Birdie Dillon Hartridge, wife of

Augustus G. Hartridge, a well-known lawyer and former state's attorney, was found dead in the bathroom of her home, 915 Oak street, Jacksonville, Fla. Her head was close to a gas heater, from which the fumes were escaping, and across her forehead was a deep gash. A smaller wound was also found on her neck.

Dr. James Livingstone, a relative of the dead woman's husband, in the death certificate, declares that death was due to a fractured skull, caused by falling against the stove.

Mrs. Hartridge was about 37 years of age, having been born in Chattanooga, Tenn., in February, 1873. She was popular in society, and married A. G. Hartridge in 1895, the wedding being one of the most brilliant social events of that season.

Mrs. Hartridge was noted for her genial qualities, and was much beloved by all who knew her. Before her marriage she was considered a belle in Jacksonville, and was noted for her ability as an elocutionist.

Mrs. Hartridge was the adopted daughter of the late B. F. Dillon, of Atlanta, general superintendent of the southern division of the Western Union Telegraph Company, who died suddenly a few days ago.

GOMPERS DENOUNCED.

Tampa Business Men Pass Resolutions to That Effect.

The citizens' committee, numbering several hundred of the leading business men of Tampa, held a meeting and adopted resolutions condemning as false the charges of President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, made against Tampa at St. Louis. The resolutions assert that Gompers was misinformed and that charges that union labor, or any other body or set of men, are not treated with impartiality in Tampa are "without foundation in fact."

COMPLETE FLORIDA VOTE.

Majority Against Prohibition Will Reach Nearly 5,000.

Following is the official vote, complete on constitutional amendments, 1910:

Prohibition Amendment—Total vote on amendment, 53,777; for the amendment, 24,506; against the amendment, 29,271; majority against amendment, 4,765.

Escambia Court Amendment—Total vote on amendment, 28,491; for the amendment, 15,941; against the amendment, 13,550; majority for the amendment, 1,591.

Additional Circuits Amendment—Total vote on amendment, 29,699; for the amendment, 15,246; against amendment, 14,453; majority for the amendment, 793.

Negro Barber Killed.

The body of Clarence Jones, a negro barber, was found in the woods just north of Lake City, punctured with bullets, and a paper pinned to his shirt saying in effect that he was killed for improper relations with a white woman of bad repute. Deputy Sheriff Edwards discovered the body, having been informed that considerable shooting had been heard in that locality. The woman in the case has not been seen since the shooting.

Arrested for Robbery.

R. F. Rutz, wanted at Eagle Pass, Texas, for bank robbery last June, was arrested in Nassau county, Florida, disguised as a farm hand. According to Detective Cheatham, Rutz has been heard from in many places in Mexico and South America since the robbery was committed. The prisoner is returning without extradition papers.

Jacksonville Bank Clearings.

November came to a close with a total of \$11,285,936.14 in bank clearings for the month, as compiled by the Jacksonville Clearing House, and it is said that the figures are the greatest for one month since the clearing house was established in Jacksonville. This total represents nearly \$1,000,000 increase over the figures for October, when the total reached \$10,488,410.11, the total increase being exactly \$797,526.03.

Strike Agitators Sentenced.

After listening to a long argument by Attorney Frank Jennings, representing the defendants, Judge Gordon, at Tampa, overruled the motion for a new trial in the cases of Jose de la Campa, "Britt" Russell and J. F. Bartman, the strike agitators, who were convicted of conspiracy. Judge Gordon sentenced each to one year. The other two cases against these defendants will be brought to trial at once.

Two slight earthquake shocks were felt at Victoria, B. C., no damage being reported.

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES.

Piano Blown to Bits, But Duet Player Uninjured.

A gas explosion in a cellar at Brooklyn, N. Y., reduced to kindling wood a piano on which two young women were playing a duet in the room overhead. Both almost miraculously escaped injury.

Two young men who were listening to the music were blown into the street, and the noise was heard a mile away. Ten other persons had narrow escapes.

MARTIN W. LITTLETON.

N. Y. Congressman Elect Gives His Wife Credit For Victory.



Photo by American Press Association.

WINS FEDERATION.

Combined Labor Interests to Meet in Atlanta, Ga.

The American Federation of Labor closed its thirteenth annual convention at St. Louis by choosing Atlanta, Ga., as its meeting place for next year.

The entire list of officers, including President Samuel Gompers, Secretary Frank Morrison and Treasurer John B. Lennon, were re-elected.

The contest between Atlanta, Washington and Rochester, N. Y., for the next year's meeting was the feature of the final afternoon's proceedings.

Delegations representing the three cities made vigorous fights on the floor, but the southern city won with a vote of 8,729, against 5,337 for Rochester, and 265 for Washington.

Fraternal delegates to the British Trades' Union Congress were chosen in William B. MacFarland (carpenter), of Buffalo, and Daniel J. Tobin (teamster), of Boston; William J. Tracey (plumber), of Philadelphia, was elected fraternal delegate to the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress, while Vice President James Duncan was selected as the federation's delegate to the International Labor Secretariat, to be held at Budapest in August, 1911.

OGLETHORPE HONORED.

Celebration at Savannah in Memory of Founder

At Savannah, Ga., a statue of General James Oglethorpe, in bronze, was unveiled on Wednesday in his honor as founder of the city in 1733, nucleus of the English colony of Georgia and foundation stone in much of the great edifice that is now the South Atlantic states.

The statue was shrouded in British and American flags and then was displayed before throngs of distinguished visitors and thousands of Georgia people when Governor Joseph M. Brown, of Georgia, and Mrs. J. J. Wilder, state president of the Colonial Dames, drew taut the ribbons that released the flag's silken folds.

Their act officially opened the three days of festivities that honored the memory of the founder of Georgia.

The occasion was one of exceptional interest and importance, as it marked a great historical event.

The festivities lasted for three days and the city was crowded with important personages during the celebration.

11,445,000 BALES.

Final Estimate Made by New Orleans Times-Democrat.

A total of the Times-Democrat for the cotton crop of 1910, as based on reports from correspondents throughout the cotton belt, relates to the actual growth of the year and is exclusive of linters, repacks, etc.

By states the crop is given as follows:

Alabama	1,165,000
Arkansas	700,000
Georgia and Florida	1,825,000
Louisiana	255,000
Mississippi	1,200,000
North Carolina	700,000
Oklahoma	900,000
Tennessee	300,000
Texas	3,200,000

Correspondents say that farmers have hitherto sold freely, as a rule, but are inclined to hold the remnant.

DR. WARREN DIES.

Rector of Trinity Church, New Orleans, Passes Away.

Rev. Dr. Beverley E. Warner, rector of Trinity church of New Orleans, and one of the best known Episcopal clergymen of the country, died at his home in that city Sunday. The immediate cause of his death was heart failure, following a brief attack of influenza.

The announcement from Trinity pulpit to the congregation that their pastor was dead brought forth a touching manifestation of grief, men and women weeping audibly.

Dr. Warner was born in Jersey City, N. J., October 14, 1855. He was ordained a minister of the Protestant Episcopal church in 1879. He was for some years rector of St. Stephen's church in Philadelphia, and had been pastor of Trinity church, New Orleans, for many years. In addition to his attainments in the church, Dr. Warner was well known as an author on literary and sociological topics. Among his writings are:

"Troubled Waters," a novel; "English History in Shakespeare's Plays," and "The Young Man in Modern Life."

INFRINGEMENT OF ANTI-TRUST LAWS

Such Is Charged Against Three Corporations.

INDICTMENTS ARE FOUND

Alleged Infraction Charged by Federal Courts Said to Be Based on Reported Shipments at Lower Rates—Two Individuals Also Indicted.

After hearing testimony for several days, the federal grand jury of the United States court for the southern district of Georgia, at Savannah, handed down indictments charging an infringement of the anti-trust laws on the part of three large corporations and two individuals. The Atlantic Coast Line railway and Seaboard Air Line railway were each jointly indicted with the Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company for specific violations of the Sherman anti-trust and Elkins laws, while Harvie Miller and Morris Miller, grain merchants, and members of the firm of L. F. Miller & Sons, of Philadelphia, were the individuals to feel the wrath of the government. It was anticipated that the corporations and Harvie Miller would be present, the rumors coming from an authoritative source, but no expectation existed in connection with Morris Miller.

The Merchants and Miners' Transportation Company was indicted three times, once as a sole offender and twice in connection with the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railways.

Morris F. Miller and Harvie Miller, of Philadelphia, were immediately arrested and placed under bonds of \$25,000 each.

The indictments are lengthy documents, covering in one instance 75 pages. The others vary in length down to 25 pages. In each indictment specific allegations are made of the acts which constitute the alleged infractions of the anti-trust laws.

Dates are given when the defendants are alleged to have made shipments over the lines named at rates less than those on file with the interstate commerce commission.

DIVISION OF BAPTISTS.

Northern and Southern Conventions Suggested.

A proposition for a division of the Baptists of Georgia into two conventions similar in working scope to the Methodist conferences of Georgia, is likely to become one of the strong suggestions for a solution of the question of moving Mercer university from Macon. At least one prominent and influential Baptist minister has proposed the plan in order to give the Baptists of south Georgia an opportunity to maintain their hold on the present institution at its present site.

It will be urged that the northern half of the state can better support an entirely new branch of the university, located where they desire, and a division of the scope of work of the university will better enable the Baptists to reach all patronage. It is believed it will mean a much enlarged usefulness for the institution.

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Peonage Cases Ended.

Advices from Pensacola say that the celebrated peonage cases of W. S. Harlan, C. S. Hilton and S. E. Higgins, defendants in one case, convicted for conspiracy to commit peonage, at the fall term of the United States Circuit court, northern district of Florida, in 1906, and the case of Robert Gallagher, W. E. Grace and Oscar Sander, also convicted for the same offense at the same term, have been ended, the United States Supreme court having decided an appeal in favor of the government. The defendants must now serve terms, as no other proceedings can be instituted, it is said.

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Death at St. Augustine. Mr. J. R. Palmer, a well-known resident of St. Augustine, died suddenly of heart disease at his home on Grove avenue. The deceased had been a weather displayman there for a number of years and was also in charge of the St. Augustine Power Boat club-house.

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